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To Whom It May Concern:

NOTICE OF FINAL HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT DECISION

In accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 22, section 66271.14, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is issuing this Notice of Final Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Decision (Notice) for storage of hazardous mixed wastes at the following facility:

Southern California Edison
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
5000 Pacific Coast Highway
San Clemente, California 92672
San Diego County

The Southern California Edison operates its San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) nuclear power plant and generates hazardous mixed wastes from the operation and maintenance activities. The hazardous mixed waste is RCRA hazardous waste with radioactive constituents. SONGS stores mixed wastes onsite temporarily, generally less than one year, to make arrangement for waste shipment and final offsite disposal. The hazardous mixed waste storage facility lies at the southern end of the site.

DTSC prepared an Initial Study and the draft Negative Declaration for this project to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and prepared a draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Draft Permit).

On August 7, 2003, DTSC published a public notice in the San Diego Union-Tribune and the Sun Post and held a 45-day public comment period from August 8, 2003 to September 23, 2003 for both the Draft Permit and the draft Negative Declaration. DTSC conducted a workshop and held a public hearing on September 8, 2003, at the San Clemente Community Center, San Clemente, California. A court reporter prepared a certified transcript of the public hearing and all verbal testimony given at the public hearing.

Public comments were received by electronic mail, facsimile and in oral testimony. DTSC has prepared a Response to the Comments document and made numerous minor changes to the Draft Permit. The changes include corrections of typographic

errors, clarification statements, and are considered minor administrative changes. The Response to Comments and a memorandum listing the revisions made to the Draft Permit have been made a part of the administrative record and are available to the public at the repositories listed at the end of this Notice. The draft Negative Declaration was finalized without any modifications.

The Final Hazardous Waste Facility Permit becomes effective on January 31, 2005 unless a review is requested pursuant to CCR, title 22, section 66271.18. Any person who filed comments on the Draft Permit or participated in the public hearing on the permit decision may petition DTSC to review any condition of the permit decision. Any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the public hearing on the Draft Permit may petition for administrative review only to the extent of the changes from the draft to the final permit decision. The petition shall include a statement of the reasons supporting that review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period (including the public hearing) to the extent required by these regulations and when appropriate, a showing that the condition in question is based on :

1. A finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous; or
2. An exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which DTSC should, in its discretion, review.

A petition for review must be postmarked no later than January 28, 2005, and must be submitted to:

Watson Gin, Deputy Director
Hazardous Waste Management Program
Department of Toxic Substances Control
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A copy of the petition should also be sent to:

Mohinder S. Sandhu, P.E., Chief
Standardized Permitting and Corrective Action Branch
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710

Please note that DTSC is providing more than the required 30-day appeal period due to the holiday season in late December.

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A copy of the complete administrative record for this permit decision is available for review at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
Contact: Walter Bahm at (510) 540-3957

Copies of Final Permit, Response to Comments, List of Revisions Made to the Draft Permit, CEQA Initial Study, and Final Negative Declaration are also available for review at:

San Clemente Public Library
242 Avenida Del Mar
San Clemente, California 92672
(949) 492-3493

DTSC would like to thank everyone who participated in this permitting process. Please bring this Notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Walter Bahm of my staff at (510) 540-3957.

Mohinder S. Sandhu, P.E., Chief
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